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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cohn, Salinas, Alquist, Diaz,
and Dutra**

February 9, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Metcalf
Energy Center.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 4, as amended, Cohn. Metcalf Energy Center.

This measure would urge the *State* Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission to move as swiftly as the law allows to
license the Metcalf Energy Center and permit its construction.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Between 1989 and 1999 electricity demand in
2 California has increased by 14 percent, however, electricity supply
3 has only increased by 3.7 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, California is facing a shortage of native power
5 generation, and construction of an average powerplant takes 12
6 months while construction of a gas-fired plant takes an average of
7 16 to 24 months; and

8 WHEREAS, The leadership of both houses of the California
9 Legislature support the construction of the Metcalf Energy Center,
10 and Calpine Corporation has committed to operating this facility
11 with the highest regard for the health and safety of the public; and

1 WHEREAS, The population of the bay area exceeds 6.8 million
2 residents, and the San Jose regional area (Silicon Valley) has a
3 growing demand for electricity and is considered the most
4 vulnerable to electricity outages in the service area of the Pacific
5 Gas and Electric Corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Silicon Valley is driving the economy of the
7 state, the nation, and the world; however, it is the only major urban
8 area within the United States that is without its own significant
9 local source of electrical generation, and it currently relies on
10 electricity imported from outside the region for its needs; and

11 WHEREAS, The California Independent System Operator, the
12 State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, the
13 American Lung Association, the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra
14 Club, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable
15 Technologies, the California Manufacturers and Technology
16 Association, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce,
17 and the Utility Reform Network all support construction of the
18 Metcalf Energy Center; and

19 WHEREAS, The Silicon Valley and all Californians must come
20 together to participate in formulating the solution to California's
21 energy needs, and now is the time for government leaders to
22 demonstrate their commitment to solving a problem that poses an
23 imminent threat to our economy and quality of life; now, therefore,
24 be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges the *State Energy*
27 *Resources Conservation and Development Commission* to move
28 ~~as swiftly as the law allows~~ to license the Metcalf Energy Center
29 and permit its construction; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
31 of this resolution to the *State Energy Resources Conservation and*
32 *Development Commission*, and copies to the author for
33 appropriate distribution.

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